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Wrens shortly after she finished her examinations and could not be there. President Cody replied to the toast to the University, Dr. Ryerson to the one to the School, and Miss Forster and Mr. McCutcheon of the men's physical education staff to the toast to the staff. These toasts were proposed by Zoe Christie, Ruth Carleton and Eleanor Richardson respectively and all were of a high order. Eleanor Richardson caused considerable merriment by giving suitable(?) presents to different members of the staff. For instance Dr. Cates of the Anatomy Department who is evidently short staffed, was given a Red Cross nurse about 6 inches high to help him, Dr. Haist of Applied Physiology whose stomach pump they did not like, was given a tire pump as being more useful! All these names will be new to most of you, but one old friend of Anatomy days was there in the person of Dr. Harold deW. Ball. The toast to the graduating class was proposed by Dr. Cates and was replied to by Pat Austin. In spite of the large proportion of staff members present, there was a pleasant spirit of informality throughout the banquet. To relieve your minds, perhaps we should tell you that the staff paid for their own dinners, an arrangement made at the request of the staff.

The next evening, following the Arts Convocation in the afternoon, the Graduates Ball was held at Hart House, a gala occasion. Thus there went out into the "cold, cold world", sixteen women and one man, pioneers in the field of "Physical and Health Education."

The Annual Margaret Eaton Alumnae Luncheon which is usually given in honour of the graduating class, was held this year at the Granite Club on the first Saturday in May as the annual get-together of the Toronto graduates, with out-of-town graduates who happen to be in the city more than welcome. It was one of the nicest luncheons that has been held since 1926. The weather man smiled on us and gave us a comparatively warm and comparatively sunny day, both rather rare at that time this year. Graduates came who had not been at the Alumnae luncheon for years, perhaps not since their graduation. Fifty-one there were in all, including five honorary members. We missed Mrs. Burden and Miss Thrall who usually give us the support and pleasure of their presence, and many other familiar faces. The guests were received by Miss Hamilton, Miss Somers, the President Lois Russell Heaton and Dorothy Kennedy Conacher, and a pleasant time was spent in "catching up" on the news of class and school mates until lunch was announced. A feature of the programme was the talk by Dorothy Jackson, who took us with her in retrospect through the Canadian West as she and Miss Zerada Slack of the National Council Y.W.C.A. visited the various Y.W.C.A.'s and held refresher courses. All along the way Dot saw M.E.S. graduates and we all got a great thrill as she gave us news of them. Shirley Naylor McCatty presented a report of the Alumnae's war work and made an appeal for more pledges of weekly, monthly or yearly gifts in money. She also brought to the attention of the members the fact that if all the 450 odd graduates paid their membership fee of \$1.00 each year, we would have sufficient to carry on our war work without stopping to raise money. "A word to the wise!" The only toast this year, other than the one to the King, was the toast to the ship the Alumnae has adopted, travelling in official circles under a number only but nicknamed by the Alumnae, "the Maggie E.". This was proposed by Helen Parsons in a very telling speech that gave a history of how we came to be, as Helen said, "foster parents of a motor launch". There is a crew of 17 on the ship and Helen reported that the Alumnae has already sent them a library of 36 books and a box containing a knitted article for each one. As the boys seemed anxious to write, it was suggested that each member of the crew might be given to one member of the Alumnae who would write to him regularly. Volunteer letter-writers were called for and 17 were secured. Three cheers and a tiger for the President, Lois Heaton, brought this most enjoyable function to a close. - By the way, Helen Parsons is again giving out Ditty Bags for the Navy League. 'Phone the School if you want one, Ad. 8339.



The following paragraphs are taken from letters and from the report of Miss Zerada Slack and Miss Dorothy Jackson on their teaching tour through the Canadian West. As most of you know, they held three-day refresher courses in six centres, -Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. This series of courses provided an opportunity for getting new material, new ideas and new inspiration that does not often come to one's door for the taking, and many availed themselves of this chance to improve professionally.

"From every point of view the trip was completely successful. In fact, the whole project assumed proportions that were amazing to all of us. In the six centres, we taught over 500 men and women. In three centres classes were over one hundred, the other three classes had from 50 to 100 members. As a result of broadcasts in Winnipeg, Calgary and Saskatoon, many enquiries came in by mail.

Attendance in the classes included: Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries, playground supervisors, Army and Air Force officers (both men and women), public school teachers, high school and normal school teachers and students, university staff and students, Girl Guide and C.G.I.T. leaders, industrial representatives. The activities taught, in the order of popularity, were as follows: Recreational dancing, counteracting fatigue, limbering and relaxing exercises, rhymes and rhythms, social games, folk dancing, team games.

Apparently recreational dancing being a new field and having original material, had an unusual appeal for everyone. "Counteracting Fatigue" was a timely subject and combined both theory and practical work. The advantage of this subject lay in the fact, that depending upon the group, it was made entirely a lecture period or partially practical work. The limbering and relaxing exercises gave the teachers new ideas for adult groups. Some difficulty was experienced here with inadequate pianists, as the music was exclusively classical. It was interesting to note that where experience in Physical Education was limited, all the games and the easy folk dances were relatively high in popularity. In Winnipeg and Vancouver the gymnastics and more difficult dances were more readily acceptable. As usual, material for primary grades was greatly in demand.

In our opinion the most valuable professional contacts made were, in the first place with the Normal School Teachers. In every case, they were active on the Committees which organized the Course in each centre. Secondly, the meetings we had in Vancouver were valuable. These included the British Columbia Physical Education Association, the McGill School of Physical Education graduates, and a luncheon with the University of British Columbia students arranged by Gertrude Moore. Miss Moore also arranged an interview with President Klink of University of British Columbia and the Physical Education staff. Here and in other centres, Miss Jackson met with the Margaret Eaton School graduates. A number of interesting interviews were held with Playground supervisors, Guide officers and Supervisors of Physical Education in the various cities. Other opportunities included a conference with the Minister of Labour for British Columbia, visits to the shipyards at Esquimalt, visits to the Hostess Houses, Leave Centres and Canteens under the direction of the Y.W.C.A. War Services, and an evening rehearsal of the Pro-Rec display under the direction of Mrs. Keatley. Speaking engagements included the Women's Canadian Club, and the Boards and Committees of the Y.W.C.A. in all centres!

Interesting side lights--'The High Schools in Calgary each voted the best student and paid her fees to take the course'... 'The "Y" Guild at Moose Jaw, a unique group of young married women--they have fun together and incidentally back the Physical Education department--raised money for new lockers, hair-dryers revamped, and re-doing of gym. floor, etc.'



## NEWS NOTES:

Miss Somers was in Ottawa on April 9th, to attend the Recreation Conference called by the Department of Labour.

Miss Hamilton spent a week recently at Tanamakoon, just as beautiful as ever. (P.S.- She again left for Tanamakoon this morning, June 18th.- up-to-date news!)

It was interesting to hear of most of the western girls through Dorothy Jackson, after her trip west in the spring. M.E.S. dinner in Winnipeg; Mary Adams and her boys in Brandon; Pauline Seller full of pep and very popular in Regina, Jean Mooney chairman of the opening meeting of the Health Week there; Mary Leask McIntyre, her two children and the "Y" Guild, Gwyn Thompson with her equipment in perfect order in Moose Jaw; dinner with Cecily Baalim Mitchell in Calgary; Cecilie Swanson ski-ing down the mountainside in Banff; Gertrude Moore and all the "gang" in Vancouver; Phoebe Hamilton and Bette Marshall in Victoria with Bette's demonstration a huge success; on the way back Edmonton and Ruth Corner, Kay Mitchell, Mary Sovereign Barnes and Rhoda Wood; and Saskatoon, but not an M.E.S. graduate in the place.

Friends of Mrs. R.M. Stoddart (Mary Irene Thomson) formerly of our staff, will be interested to hear that she has a son, Robert Thomson, born in Toronto on May 13th. Mr. Stoddart has been transferred to Montreal and Mrs. Stoddart and the baby will join him in about a month.

We were fortunate enough to have some of the letters telling of Graduates Day in different places, given to us for the News Letter. We are passing on to you some of the news they contain. Some items we must keep for our next letter due to lack of space.

Elva Creelman Jewitt reported for the group in Halifax and near-by places. She says, "We had a very nice evening at my home and each one knew at least one other so we all chatted about our doings and I tried to take notes as they talked. After refreshments we broke up hoping to see each other soon again."

Margaret Large, Windsor, Ontario, writes: We had our luncheon and it was grand fun. The night before, a friend and I made silly little place cards which had little sketches on them portraying something of the person's life. They were supposed to find their seats by recognizing the "facts" of their lives...It gave the gathering a start conversationally, as many of us were strangers to each other. The original three were present, Jess Loring Edmonson, Mrs. Milner (Louise Gilchrist) and me. Thinking we were such a small group for such a great occasion, we asked the P.E. instructresses of the secondary schools to join us--Barb Govan, Hilda Layman, Glad Wagg, Betty Briscoe, Florence Allen--Glad Munning was unable to attend. Mrs. Kao Marsh McFadden is now living in Windsor at the Duke of York Apts. #32, so she was with us too....Thank you so much for letting us know about Alumnae Day. We were thrilled to share in it."

Elinor Wallace Souchuk wrote: "Marjorie Fraser Armitage, Phyl Dean Knighr and myself had a reunion in the form of dinner at the hotel and a good old chat afterwards at Marj.'s on May 1st. M.E.S. vied with their two children for predominance in the conversation."

Vera Williams Millar wrote of the luncheon meeting Lois Creighton, Jean Morrison Burton and Vera had at the Charlottetown Hotel. "The fact that we were all perfect strangers and myself a very old graduate, didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm for discussion and reminiscence; must have been the influence of "the old school pins!"

Peg Andrew Johnson spent several weeks in Toronto this spring, while her small



daughter, Beverly was having her tonsils out.

Gwen Baalim Holland has gone out west to be with her husband who is taking a course there.

Josephine Barrington, who has joined the Wrens, is stationed at the Training Establishment in Galt but spends a good deal of time at the "ship" in Preston.

Captain Ann Bartlet, C.W.A.C. is acting company commander, No. 11 Company in Montreal.

Born on Tuesday, June 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Dodge (Louise Beatty) a son.

Kay Bird McWilliam was east for a few weeks holiday this spring.

Erminie Black Gallagher, with her husband and son John, is living in Toronto at 14 Callendar St. Mr. Gallagher is joint secretary of the World Council of Churches and the Social Council of Canada, and John has finished his first year at the University.

Mrs. J.W. Mitchell gave a tea recently in honour of her sister, Mrs. W.J. Gallagher. Among the M.E.S. friends and graduates who were present were Mrs. C.E. Burden and Greta Burden Smith, Miss Thrall, Mrs. Cooper Cole (Sally Tuckett), Mrs. Ralph Carter (Gladys Groskurth), Mrs. W.A. Carter (Alice Baillie), Mrs. G.T. Miles (Josephine Seaman), Mrs. Lloyd Archibald (Carolyn Stockton), Helen Tremayne, Gertrude Moore and Mrs. Hertz (Marion Armstrong).

Bessie Bunker Barrett and her two children, are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. H.E. Bunker. Mr. Barrett expects to join them when school is over.

A letter from Louise Burns Palmer brought snapshots of her two little boys, Hugh now five and Ian two last September. She says, "This year our holidays were spent at home as we were all requested to do. However we had several nice picnics. My husband made a seat to fit in the back of my bike for Hugh and another to fit on the crossbar of his bike for Ian to sit on - so the Palmer family could all travel by bike! The boys love it and are always asking to be taken for a ride!" and she ends, "Remember me to my M.E.S. and Tanamakoon friends."

Born on April 23, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Clarkson (Betty Burt) a daughter, Jeanne Elizabeth. They are living in Bethesda, Maryland.

We were glad to get news through Margaret Large, of Gladys Butler, who has been "lost" to us for a long time. She is now Mrs. Doughty, lives at 458 Partington Avenue, Windsor, Ont. and has twins. Margaret was not very explicit in her information but we do know that the twins are quite recent arrivals.

Frances Caisley who teaches in Baltimore, Maryland, writes that the children at school who come unprepared for activities, knit 4 inch squares. She does not say how many afghans they made, but at Camp Kearsarge in Maine where Frances has been a counselor for the past four years, they made five last summer.

Isabel Callan Macdonald writes that her husband, Ted, (P.O. Macdonald) has been transferred to Rivers, Manitoba. They moved the first of May.

Section Officer Diana Cameron has been transferred to Uplands, near Ottawa.

Eva Campbell is spending the summer at the Halifax "Y" camp at Hubbard's. Her "Y" demonstration was held on May 14th and one for the School for the Blind on May 25th.

Elva Creelman (Mrs. A.R. Jowitt) is very busy with volunteer work, in the war-time



city of Halifax. She works in different canteens and runs dances at Government House for the young officers of the different services in turns. She is also Regent of the Evangeline Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and Provincial Education Secretary, and altogether we agree with her that she is busy!

We noticed by the local paper recently that Dr. H.M.Coleman has returned from overseas. We rejoice with Barbara Crowe Coleman and young Brian.

Kay Cumming Roberts dropped in to see us one day this spring looking very well indeed. Kay's husband is stationed in Ottawa and they are living across the river in Hull, Que.

Molly Dallas Fess and the twins Bill and Peter expect to spend the summer in Kingston where Captain Fess has been sent from overseas to take a course. As Captain Fess had never seen the twins, it was a great home coming.

Margaret Drummond has celebrated her holiday by having her tonsils out. She had the operation done in Montreal where she has a doctor brother, but is now back in Toronto.

Lieut. Joan Fellowes, C.W.A.C., has been transferred from the training centre at Saint Anne's and is now Platoon Officer with No. 33 Company in Montreal.

Helen Fiebig Bennett, the last we heard, had moved with her husband to Timmins.

Margaret Field (Mrs. Richard Elgood) has an antique business at 787 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

Katharine Forbes, R.N., was one of the nurses who received the Public Health Diploma of the University of Toronto at a recent convocation.

Sgt. Phyllis Gale is taking her Officers' Training Course at Saint Anne's, Que.

Betty Gilchrist Seaborn and her two little boys are living in Toronto while the Reverend Robert Seaborn is overseas.

Born, at Braenach, Helensburgh, Scotland, on Thursday, March 18th, to Mollie Gordon Reid, wife of T.L.G.Reid, a daughter, Marigold Jane.

Corporal Barbara Halliday, R.C.A.F.(W.D.) has been transferred to headquarters at Rockcliffe, is terribly busy and loves it. She and Dorothy Buck are bunk mates and do a lot of their work together. Barbara has passed her Link Trainer test and now is ready for a "flip" in the air.

Born to Viola Harvey Allen and Dr. Rovelle Allen, a son.

Bona Harvie, Mrs. J. Falham, is living in Kinistino, Saskatchewan.

Carol Hendry has joined the Wrens and is stationed in Halifax.

Robert Hill Elkin passed through Halifax the day of the Alumnae meeting there, on her way to Liverpool, N.S. where she is living at present.

Anne Hutson wrote to Miss Somers this spring: "I have been doing secretarial work at Government House for over a year now and I find it quite interesting, but I would like to be in a more active part of the world these days. For some months now, I have been learning shorthand and I will be sitting for an examination at; 70 or 80 words minimum in June...I hope to visit Canada again some day, but at present no one



has very fixed plans...We have really been affected very little by the war and can, I think, consider ourselves lucky. Our petrol is rationed and also certain foodstuffs, and prices have all gone up of course, but so far really essential items have been obtainable. With the rationing of petrol, bicycles have become very popular. I must say that I enjoy riding."

Friends of Elizabeth Jarvis Johnston will regret to hear that she has had to have a serious sinus operation and will hope that it will be entirely successful.

Third Officer Joyce Jarvis of the W.R.C.N.S. is in charge of the Naval Exhibit now being shown across Canada. She has two Wrens and seven sailors (2 petty officers and 5 ratings) helping her and has already shown the exhibit at London and Windsor. At present she is in Winnipeg and then moves westward through Regina, Saskatoon and Calgary to Vancouver.

Third Officer Margaret Joss is the C.O. of the Wrens at H.M.C.S. York, Toronto.

Frances Kitchen (Mrs. Eric Miller) is visiting her mother in Toronto, while her husband is taking a course in the west.

Dorothy Leggett, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) has finished her course at Guelph and has been posted to Halifax.

Anne Lyster has been teaching at Vernon, B.C. this year.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Washington (Mildred Marsh) have returned to Hamilton and are living at 29 Oak Knoll Drive.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Reardon (Barbara McArel) in February, a daughter, Barbara Anne.

Kay Mackenzie Beers paid us a visit on one of her brief trips to Toronto this spring. She and Heather and Bill are living with her parents while Mr. Beers is in training.

Winn MacLennan Johnston and Mary are flying to Nova Scotia this summer to spend some time with Winn's parents.

Mildred McQueen, physical director for women at the University of Western Ontario, was married this spring to Mr. F.S. Baldwin, director of athletics at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Auxiliary Officer for Canadian Legion War Services at #4 Wireless School. They are living in Guelph this summer at 21 Quebec St. West, and Mrs. Baldwin returns to "Western" in the fall.

Gertrude Moore, physical director for women at the University of British Columbia, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Moore, who both have been seriously ill. She left again for the coast on June 14th.

Born to Jean Morrison Burton and Flight Lieut. W.R. Burton, at Charlottetown, P.E.I. on June 7th, a son, Peter Robert.

Born on December 17th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. John Manning (Irma Moyer), Rawalpindi, India, twin daughters, Mary and Carolyn.

Shirley Muddiman has moved with her parents back to Toronto and is living at 124 Rochester Avenue. Shirley is teaching swimming at Cedarnook Camp this summer.

Born, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C. on Wednesday, April 28th, 1943,



a son to Lieut.(R.C.N.V.R.) and Mrs. Wallace Whyte (Muriel Nelles).

Dora Newman Helmer, Mr. Helmer, Jo-Anne and Gail have moved from Hamilton to the Toronto suburb of Islington. Mr. Helmer has been appointed Sales Manager for Canada of the Liggett Drug stores.

Dorothy O'Neill Earle, who has been flat on her back for four months after an operation on her back, has made such a good recovery that she has been able to go to her home on Centre Island and even walked from the car to the boat. It still will be some time before she will be able to do much, but we are all glad that she is getting along so nicely.

Bretta Powles writes from Jamaica that "time just flies and I can hardly realize that I have been here nearly three months (this was the middle of March).... and I really love it and the work that has to be done.

Florence Riley was married on March 27th in St. James Cathedral to Lieut. Robert E. Dorsey. Her father, Dean Riley, performed the ceremony and Barbara Halliday was her bridesmaid. Nancy McKean was here for the wedding. Lieut. Dorsey is now overseas.

Lillian Ross Haryett is in Toronto for the summer after spending the winter in London where her husband is studying for his degree in medicine. Lillian had a position as a book-keeper while she was in London.

Mary Shirton, a recent visitor in Toronto, is to be in charge of the Community Swimming Pool at Simcoe this summer.

Muriel Sinclair graduated from the Hospital for Sick Children on June 8th and won the prize for medical nursing. Congratulations!

Friends of Ellie Sovereign Wood were pleased to read in the Toronto papers of the promotion overseas of her husband, Jimmy Wood, to the rank of Captain.

Joyce Withrow Henderson and her two children, Leith and Martin, have returned to Toronto from Belleville and are living in their own home again. Mr. Henderson is with the R.C.A.F. in Newfoundland.

Major Doris Weston is now officer commanding No. 6 Company, C.W.A.C. in London, Ont. It was very nice to have a call from Doris a day or two ago.

Peg Wilkin Armstrong paid her mother, Mrs. J.W. Wilkin, a short visit recently.

Barbara Jones has enlisted in the W.R.C.N.S. and is now in training at Galt.

We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Margaret Davison Lathrop in the death of her only brother, Pilot Officer Harold H. Davison, who was killed in a plane crash in Canada this spring.

Florence Johnston (Mrs. George Elliott) in the death of her mother, Mrs. F.B. Johnston in Stratford on April 13th.

Peggy May, whose brother, Capt. D.A. May, was killed in action in Africa this spring. Elinor Wallace Souchuk, whose mother, Mrs. Clifford Wallace, died suddenly at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Tuesday, May 4th.

Mrs. Cameron Stewart, formerly Mrs. Sweetnam, whose home has been in England for a number of years, is now living in Toronto. We welcome Mrs. Stewart back to Canada.

*Charlotte H. Layton*





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